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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA SAYS NO PEACEFUL
RHODESIAN SOLUTION POSSIBLE

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1. S.A. PRESS REPORTED JULY 28 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA HAD SAID THERE COULD NO LONGER BE "A COMPLETELY PEACEFUL SOLUTION" TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. IN HIS STATEMENT, WHICH WAS PART OF AN INTERVIEW REPORTEDLY APPEARING IN THE JULY 28 LONDON TIMES, BOTHA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE A SLACKENING OF THE CONFLICT, THERE WAS NO PROSPECT OF A HALT. EVEN WHEN A MAJORITY-ELECTED AND INTERNATIONALLY-
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ACCEPTED RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT EMERGED, HE SAID, THE "LOSERS WOULD GO ON FIGHTING FOR A WHILE." ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, BOTHA EXPECTS THE LOSERS TO BE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

2. BOTHA CRITICIZED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGEDLY LEANING OVER BACKWARDS TO PLEASE THE TERRORISTS, SINCE

NO ONE COULD EVER PLACATE THEM. BRITAIN AND THE US,
HE SAID, HAD TWO ALTERNATIVES IN SEEKING A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT: TO SUPPORT AN ELECTION AMONG BLACKS TO
CHOOSE A LEADER TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT WITH THE WHITES,
OR THE IMPOSE A CONSTITUTION ON RHODESIA.

3. THE SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADER
JOSHUA NKOMO, WHO IS ON HIS WAY TO CUBA, HAD TOLD PRIME
MINISTER CALLAGHAN THAT HE WILL ASK CUBA AND OTHER SOVIET
BLOC COUNTRIES FOR INCREASED ARMS SUPPLIES, BECAUSE "WE
HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN ARMED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND
COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE."

4. WOULD APPRECIATE LONDON PROVIDING CABLE TEXT OF BOTHA
INTERVIEW IN TIMES.BOWDLER

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